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1. VASILE BARSAN, PROFESSOR OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES, AND 12 MAKATA STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS ARRIVED LAST WEEKEND IN CLUJ TO BEGIN FOUR MONTHS STUDY UNDER MANKATO "EXTENDED CAMPUS" PROGRAM. BARSAN AND RECTOR PASCU HAVE SIGNED MANKATO-CLUJ UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT, WHICH NEEDS ONLY FORMAL MINED APPROVAL.
 2. MANKATO-CLUJ EXCHANGE WAS INITIATED IN 1974 BY DEPMINED BOGDAN AS RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH ROMANIAN STUDENTS WOULD BE ACCORDED SAME STUDY PRIVILEGES AT MANKATO IN 1976. FIRST GROUP OF 12 MANKATO STUDENTS COMPLETED TWO-MONTH COURSE AT CLUJ IN APRIL-MAY 1975. AMERICAN STUDENTS PAY OWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND REGULAR TUITION AT MANKATO; AT CLUJ THEY RECEIVE 1200 LEI PER MONTH FOR FOOD AND LIVING EXPENSES PLUS 50 LEI FOR HOUSING IN UNIVERSITY DORM.
 3. THIS INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGE HAS PROCEEDED SO FAR WITHOUT A HITCH, ACCORDING TO BARSAN, AND WITH VERY LITTLE NEED OF ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY. THIS MIGHT BE CITED DURING TALKS AS KIND OF PRIVATE EXCHANGE WE ENCOURAGE ROMANIANS TO UNDERTAKE.
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